RACGP | *Compliance*

When considering hardware and software for your practice, you need to consider if what you are purchasing complies with a range of legislative and professional requirements. This will ensure your practice provides high quality, safe and effective care to your patients. You should comply with the following.

Australian Privacy Principles	For more detailed information on the Australian Privacy Principles, refer to the Australian Government Office of the Australian Information Commissioner at www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-act/australian-privacy-principles For information on privacy in general practice, refer to the RACGP's Digital Business Kits Topic 3.2 at www.racgp.org.au/digital-business-kit/privacy/
RACGP accreditation standards and resources, including: • *Computer and information security standards* (4th edition) • *Standards for general practices* (4th edition)	*Computer and information security standards* (4th edition) is available at http://www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/standards/computer-and-information-security-standards/ *Standards for general practices* (4th edition) is available at www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/standards/standards4thedition/
Ethical and legal requirements, including: • Australian Medical Association (AMA) code of ethics • Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) code of conduct for registered health practitioners • *Health Insurance Act 1973*	AMA code of ethics is available at https://ama.com.au/sites/default/files/documents/AMA_Code_of_Ethics_2004._Editorially_Revised_2006.pdf AHPRA code of conduct for registered health practitioners is available at www.ahpra.gov.au/ *Health Insurance Act 1973* is available at www.comlaw.gov.au/Series/C2004A00101
Government programs, including: • Medicare National eHealth requirements, including: • Healthcare Identifiers Service • National eHealth record system	Medicare www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/dhs/medicare Healthcare Identifiers Service is available at www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/healthcare-identifiers-service

It is recommended that you contact an IT professional for specific advice on hardware and software compliance.

Compliance in general practice checklist

Date of completion

Name of practice

When purchasing hardware and software for our practice we have made checks to ensure that goods purchased comply with a range of legislative and professional requirements. We have also contacted our medical defence organisation for further guidance and consulted with an IT professional. Checks have been made to comply with:

Australian Privacy Principles

RACGP accreditation standards and resources, including:

Computer and Information Security Standards (4th edition)

Standards for General Practices (4th edition)

Ethical and legal requirements

AMA code of ethics

AHPRA code of conduct for registered health practitioners

The Health Insurance Act 1973

Government programs

Medicare

National eHealth requirements, including:
- Healthcare Identifiers Service
- National eHealth record system

Notes